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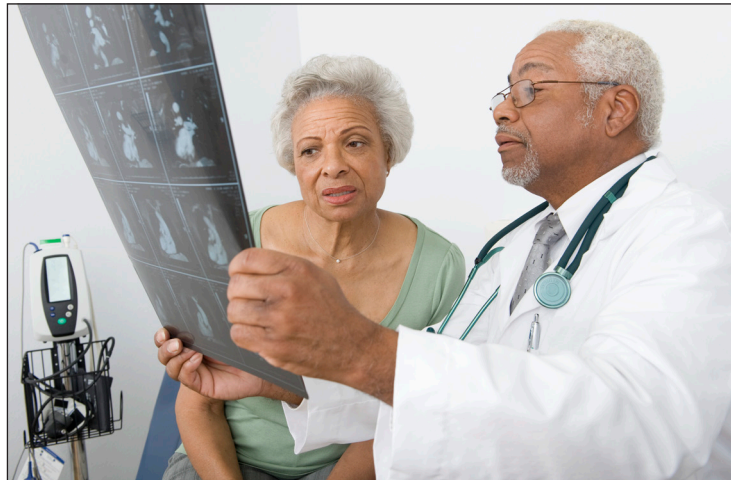
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THIS WEEK on the WEB



See your doctor for colon cancer symptoms which may include bright red or dark blood in your stool, unexplained weight loss, constant fatigue, vomiting and changes in bowel habits lasting more than a few days. (Stock image)

How women can recognize and reduce risks of colon cancer

Colorectal cancer is the third-leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women. Early detection is crucial to being cured. Yet many women may confuse symptoms of colon cancer with menstrual symptoms, according to Dipen Maun, MD, FACS, FACRS at Franciscan Physician Network Colon & Rectal Specialists Indianapolis. Women may dismiss early signs of colon cancer, including abdominal bloating and discomfort, as little more than gynecological issues.

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Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley. (Photo by Angie Morefield)

Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley announces he will not seek fourth term

Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley has announced he will not seek a fourth term as mayor. Elected in 2011, Buckley will end his term when it expires on Jan. 1, 2024. Under his administration, the city's accomplishments include balanced budgets, investments in public safety, building new trails and parks, modernizing city services, building community connections and an infrastructure for the future and managing COVID-19.

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SOUTHSIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION



City officials and stakeholders celebrate the re-opening of the Shelby Street bridge at a recent press conference. (Submitted photo)

Southside construction update

Indianapolis celebrates reopening of newly renovated Shelby Street bridge

Compiled by Nicole Davis

• **Indianapolis/Garfield Park:** Mayor Joe Hogsett recently joined the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) and city leaders to celebrate the reopening of the newly renovated Shelby Street bridge over Bean Creek and the successful infrastructure projects included in the 2022 capital infrastructure program. This season has seen more than \$240 million in major improvements including the widening of the Monon Trail, the two-way conversion of Fort Wayne Avenue, work to improve drainage systems along Broad Ripple Avenue, and many other projects that aimed to improve roadways, rehabilitate bridges, enhance pedestrian safety, and improve stormwater infrastructure. The press conference highlighted work recently completed on the Shelby Street bridge over Bean Creek. Reopened last week, this \$1.1 million project saw the rehabilitation of the existing earth-filled, arched bridge. The first major rehabilitation since its construction in 1926, work included patching and reconstructing a portion of the arch ring, replacing the west spandrel wall, both sidewalks and bridge railings.

Construction projects in this year's capital plan included:

- More than 11,828 linear feet of new and rehabilitated sidewalk
- More than 10,631 linear feet of new curb, separating motorists from pedestrians
- More than 193 new ADA-compliant accessibility ramps
- More than 46.4 lane miles of street rehabilitation
- 20,361 linear feet of new storm sewers
- 64 new crosswalks
- 317 newly planted trees

As previewed for the 2023 budget, Indy DPW expects to be able to spend even more on infrastructure in the 2023 construction season. The agency estimates that greater than \$440 million will be spent on construction next year across the entire program — with an estimated \$287 million targeted to transportation infrastructure. For more information on major transportation and infrastructure projects, visit indy.gov/DPW.

**Editor's note: Southside construction updates will conclude for this season. Look forward to essays written by local Southport High School students to return to page 3 in 2023!*

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Faith Based Roundtable to host 'Luminary for Peace' service

The City of Beech Grove's Faith Based Roundtable will host a "Luminary for Peace" service on Dec. 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The service will take place on the steps of City Hall, located at 802 W. Main St.

The Roundtable will light 50 candles

in memory of those lost in 2022, including those lost due to crime.

We invite you to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis B. Buckley

Mayor, city of Beech Grove

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(Cover) Perry Township Schools has switched from the choice program to the boundary system under Superintendent Patrick Mapes' administration. | Many school districts face bus driver shortages. (Photos submitted by Elizabeth Choi)

Keeping the buses rolling

Schools struggle to find a perfect solution for busing issues. Mapes makes some big changes upon his retirement from Perry Schools

By Todd Travis

As people watch those big yellow buses making their rounds through the neighborhood, they may not realize the sophistication required to pick up all those kids and get them to school on time – not to mention back home after school as well. Many of the schools on the Southside are facing issues with keeping enough drivers in the buses and enough substitutes to fill in when needed.



Terhune

Greenwood Community Schools

Greenwood schools has had to combine some bus routes and even do double runs to help deal with these shortages. In addition to that, they have adjusted start times to help their buses arrive on time in the mornings. They do have one route that is slightly delayed by about 10-

15 minutes in the evening, which they hope to address with a current driver in training.

"The only solution is to have a full set of bus drivers and substitutes. This is really a struggle right now to hire. We raised our pay considerably over the last year, but we still have not had a big difference in applicants," said Terry Terhune, superintendent at Greenwood Community Schools.



Pettit

Franklin Township Community Schools

Franklin Township has had fewer issues, although they are still looking to increase their bus staff.

"Like every other school district, we could always use more bus drivers, bus monitors, and substitute bus drivers," mentioned Kent Pettit, Ph.D., chief communications and public relations officer at Franklin Township Community School Corporation.

Beech Grove City Schools

"Beech Grove City Schools is uniquely positioned to serve our small community with a structure that does not include school districts based on residency. Like Perry Township Schools, BGCS is deeply concerned about the number of school bus drivers employed in the district. Currently, we are fully staffed; however, we do not have enough substitute drivers employed to assist when full-time drivers are on leave," explained Dr. Laura Hammack, superintendent of Beech Grove City Schools.

Perry Township Schools

Patrick Mapes, superintendent for Perry

Township Schools, has faced a unique problem with the school's choice program, making it even more difficult to keep the bus schedules running efficiently. Under the choice system, the buses are going to pick up students regardless of where they live. This program, coupled with the shortage of drivers, has caused many of the students to arrive up to an hour late to school and to be dropped off at home over an hour-and-a-half after school has ended.

Part of the solution Mapes has begun to implement, with some resistance, is ending the choice program and switching to a boundary system. He hopes to have this running as smoothly as possible before his upcoming retirement in June of 2023. With the boundary system, students within each marked boundary will receive first priority to enter that particular school. Students within Perry Township who request an intra-district transfer to a school outside their boundary will receive second priority. The third priority will go

to students outside Perry Township who still want to go to Perry schools.

"It becomes an efficiency issue. We had buses with the capacity to hold 84 students that were traveling with only 24-32 students

because of the distance they were traveling to get to an elementary school. And we still have that for the rest of this year. We're not going to be on time until we get this established for next school year," Mapes stated.

"It's important to understand that current choice students are going to get priority to be placed over someone who just all the sudden wants to go to a different school. We've always had an employee perk that allows the children and grandchildren of employees to attend Perry Township schools, and that will remain in place as well," said Mapes.

At this point, there is still a lot of planning to be done to implement this system and Mapes is calling upon parents to be patient as the system is being refined.

A final favor

As Mapes leads the charge to implement the new boundary system, he sees it as a final favor to the upcoming superintendent that will take his place.

"This has been a problem in the township for a while and something we've needed to address. Doing it this year allows the new person to come in and not have to tackle this in their first year on the job," he pointed out.

"The only solution is to have a full set of bus drivers and substitutes. This is really a struggle right now to hire. We raised our pay considerably over the last year, but we still have not had a big difference in applicants."

- Terry Terhune, superintendent at Greenwood Community Schools

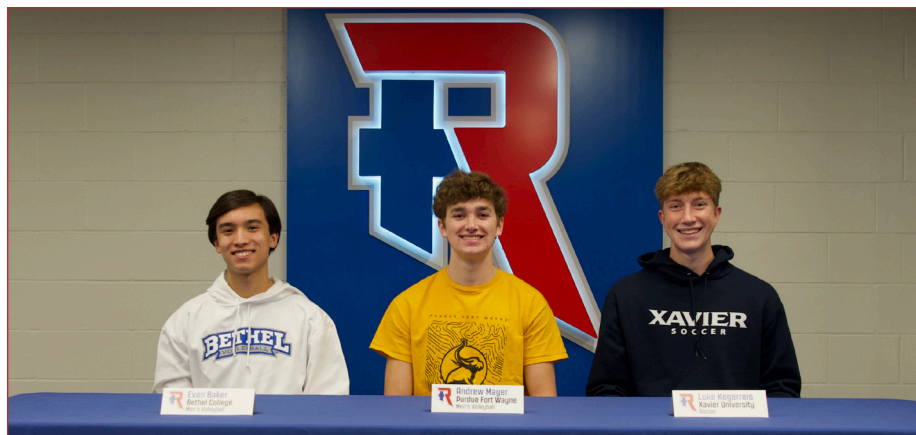


Hammack



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IN OUR SCHOOLS



From left, Evan Baker, Andrew Mayer and Luke Kegerreis. (Submitted photo)

Roncalli athletes to compete collegiately

Athletics - On Dec. 8, three Roncalli High School senior athletes gathered to recognize their intent to compete collegiately. **Evan Baker** signed with Bethel University (Mishawaka, Ind.) under coach Eric Snyder to compete in men's volleyball. Baker is a two-time Academic All-State, and he was part of Roncalli's 2022 Indiana State championship team. Baker plans to study biochemistry and molecular biology. **Luke Kegerreis** signed to play men's soccer at Xavier University (Cincinnati) under coaches John Higgins and Shawn Mahoney. Kegerreis has been a multi-sport athlete at Roncalli playing basketball and soccer. In soccer, he earned All-District, All-Conference, All-County, All-State and Academic All-State awards. In basketball, Kegerreis was awarded All-Conference, All-County and Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA) Top 100 Underclassmen Workout. In 2021, he was part of the Roncalli boy's soccer team that won the Marion County championship. He plans to study biomedical sciences. **Andrew Mayer** signed with Purdue Fort Wayne (Fort Wayne, Ind.) to play men's volleyball under coaches Ryan Perrotte and Jim Palilonis. Mayer is an Indiana All-Star, Academic All-State, a threetime All-Tournament team participant and on the 2022 JVA All-National team. He was part of Roncalli's 2022 Indiana State championship and 2021 Indiana State runners-up teams.



From left, GCA superintendent Mike Chitty, Ray Skillman, school board president Jared Adams, high school athletic director Devin Gray. (Submitted photo)

Greenwood Christian Academy recognizes Ray Skillman

Gymnasium Upgrades - At the first home game of the high school boys' basketball season, members of the Greenwood Christian Academy community celebrated recent gymnasium upgrades that were made possible by a generous donation from the Ray Skillman Auto Group. Mr. Skillman was honored with the GCA Impact Award, which recognizes individuals or families who have made a profound and lasting difference on the Greenwood Christian Academy community.

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PHOTO of the WEEK



The Franklin Township Champions 4-H Club met on Friday, Dec. 9, at St. John's Lutheran Church in the Commons area. Many brought gifts to donate to the "Toys for Tots" organization. Leader Jayne Queck taught the club about the history of holly and helped members arrange holly branches in jars with ribbon to take home. 4-Hers played the game "Hot Potato" while listening to Christmas music. Gifts were exchanged with everyone enjoying refreshments brought in by families, including cookies, a variety of fruit, popcorn and red punch. The next 4-H Classic meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 20 at the Franklin Township Civic League at 6:30 pm. For more information, email franklintownship4-h@gmail.com. (Submitted photo)

HUMOR



Top 10 ways to ruin Christmas

By Torry Stiles

10. Test the artificial tree's claim of being fireproof. Bonus points if it's at somebody else's house.
9. Ask every female guest between 18 and menopause at the office party if they are pregnant. Act surprised at their denials while glancing at their bellies.
8. Secretly replace all of the Santa decorations with pictures of Burl Ives.
7. Advertise a special estate sale with lots of goodies at the houses of people who have left for the holidays.
6. Replace the nametags on the presents with tags naming people nobody knows.
5. Hang random food items amidst the tree ornaments.
4. Invite the family over and leave a positive Covid test on the bathroom sink.
3. Invite yourself to a stranger's family Christmas.
2. Cut turkey cooking time in half by doubling the oven temperature.
1. Stage a scene with your Elf on a Shelf that'll earn him the nickname, "Stumpy."

BELIEVE IT!

Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...

In Pennsylvania, a special cleaning ordinance bans homemakers from hiding dirt and dust under a rug in a dwelling.

Source: stupidlaws.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"For it is in giving that we receive."

– Francis of Assisi

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New Year's Eve • Blues Ambassador will perform. | When: Dec. 31, 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Moose, 3320 S Emerson Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: facebook.com/BeechGrove1883

CENTER GROVE

Art for the Ages - Winner's Exhibition • | When: Now through Dec. 30. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodArts

GARFIELD PARK

Conservatory Crossing • Come enjoy winter wonderland! See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias, model trains and village, and thousands of twinkling lights. \$5 per person or \$12 per family (two adults max). | When: Now - Dec. 31, Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardenconservatory.org

TOPS • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), a weight loss support group, meets weekly in the Garfield Park area. Meetings are open to the public; the first meeting is free. | When: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. | Where: Garfield Christian Church, 1751 Walker Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: tops.org

GREENWOOD

Lighted Trail • Come to the Greenwood Amphitheater to enjoy a lighted trail powered by Duke Energy. This is free, and it can be accessed via the community center parking lot. It is illuminated from dusk to dawn. | When: Now - Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m. - 7 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

Nerf on the Turf • The indoor turf will be transformed into an arena for kids to battle and play fun competitive games. There will be an all-out battle to end the night. Participants must provide their own Nerf Blasters (no automatic); eye protection will be provided. Greenwood Parks & Rec will provide all NERF Elite darts. \$10 per participant. | When: Dec. 27, ages 6 - 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and ages 11 - 16 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Fieldhouse, 411 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodFieldhouse

New Year's Noon Countdown • Do you have little

ones that want to join in on the New Year's festivities but are in bed by 8 p.m.? Join for a fun celebration at noon. Festivities will include making fun New Year's attire in The Studio, a scavenger hunt in the Kids Department, and a countdown and balloon drop at 12 p.m. | When: Dec. 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us

New Year's Eve Party at SmockTown • Enjoy a private party at SmockTown Brewery and Attic Hardware, which is the upstairs bourbon bar. The cost is \$80 and includes dinner, a midnight taco bar, a champagne toast, and live music from Joey Banfield and Jared La Fond. Tickets are required and can be obtained at SmockTown or by calling (317) 215-4836. | When: Dec. 31, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Where: SmockTown Brewery, 223 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: smocktown.com

New Year's Eve Celebration • Tickets, which cost \$20, are on sale now for this 18 and older event which features reserve seating and, snacks, party favors, a champagne toast, and music from Alan Cochran & The Crestliners. | When: Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/gml2079

League of Women Voters Johnson County • Enjoy a 5-minute slide presentation about The League of Women Voters of Johnson County and time to share your thoughts and concerns about issues that are important to you as a resident of Johnson and adjacent counties. | When: Jan. 12, 10 - 11 a.m. or 6:15 - 7:15 pm. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: lwwjcin.org

Southside Art League: James Johnson • Southside Art League will exhibit a collection of original pen and ink drawings from Indianapolis artist James Johnson. His renderings often feature vintage homes and churches, including a few Greenwood buildings. They often have elements of fantasy. | When: Jan. 4 - 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Meet the artist at a reception Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood. | Info: southsideartleague.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Superhero Pancake Breakfast • \$5 per person. Come dressed up and meet some of your favorite superheroes. Hosted by the Perry Meridian High School Band Boosters, proceeds benefit the Perry Meridian High School band programs. | When: Jan. 14, 8:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School cafeteria, enter door 7. | Info: perrymeridianbands.com

AN OPTION

Aroma Indian Cuisine & Bar

If you're not celebrating Christmas on Christmas Day (or at all), don't like to cook, or want to try a new restaurant around the holidays, you're in luck. Located off the Cultural Trail in Fletcher Place, Aroma Indian Cuisine & Bar is open Christmas Day, serving a variety of options, including the Pindi Cholei (chickpeas cooked in Pind Province style with onions, garlic and tomato sauce) and Chicken Haryali Kebab (boneless chicken cubes marinated in Greek yogurt, fresh spinach, ginger, garlic, mint, cilantro and Tikka spices, served with mint chutney/sauce and the chef's special tandoor salad).

"We ordered vegetarian items like dahi kababs, peanut kofta, paneer pasanda and kashmiri dum aloo. All three items had unique flavoring, preparation and taste," stated a Google reviewer. "I tried the kaidai with lamb," according to a second reviewer. "The lamb was well prepared. The 'hot' was flavorful and hot - not just hot for the sake of being hot." Try a specialty cocktail

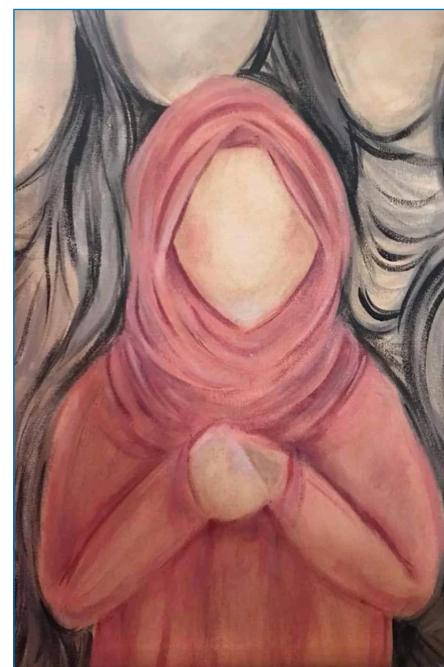


Indian street food or the classics? Hot and spicy or mild? You're bound to find something that tickles your tastebuds. (Photo courtesy of Aroma Indian Cuisine & Bar)

with your meal, one of the many beer and wine options or a Strawberry Lassi for dessert.

HOURS: Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Address: 501 Virginia Ave. Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 602-7117 or go to aromaindy.com

SPOTLIGHT



Never Alone (Art by Carissa Dellen)

Bismillah: The Intrinsic Art of Muslims

This exhibit embodies the talent, culture, and diversity in our community by Muslim artists. Bismillah: The Intrinsic Art of Muslims will take place Jan. 6 through 28 in the main gallery of the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. "Islam is not only a religion but a way of life. Since the 7th century, art has been an integral part of Islamic culture. Islamic art has a wide and diverse range of mediums and influence including calligraphy, painting, pottery, metalwork, textile arts, poetry, and more," states the Garfield Park Arts Center's Website. For more information, visit gpacarts.org.

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Avatar: The Way of Water

The payoff to a decade of hard work

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

It has been 13 years since Avatar was released in theaters and became the most successful film of all time. In the time between then and now a lot has changed in the film industry and how people consume movies. In 2009, streaming was just starting to gain traction, and Disney was far from the industry dominating juggernaut it is now. However, James Cameron has seemingly ignored these trends, instead opting to keep his head down over the last decade to deliver a sequel that doubles down on the theatrical distribution method, to awe-inspiring results.

Set over a decade after the events of the first film, Jake Sully returns to the forests of Pandora to protect the Na'vi from human invasion and destruction of their natural habi-

tat. However, now with a family of his own to protect, he is forced to flee their tribe to seek refuge amongst the island dwelling Metkayina tribe. Shifting the narrative focus from Jake Sully to his children, the majority of the film is built around exploring the oceans of Pandora and protecting the wonders they discover along the way.

There is no film that looks like The Way of Water. The amount of visual clarity and detail to every single shot of this film is staggering. It puts most other modern CGI-heavy blockbusters to shame, with

how slapped together they seem by comparison. The time and effort Cameron and his team put into inventing new technology pays off in stunning fashion. It must be seen to be believed. What makes the film truly special though, is that the visuals serve the story in a profoundly moving way.

Cameron spends a lot of runtime dedicated to conveying the beauty and profundity of the natural world of Pandora. This alien beauty serves as a way to reintroduce its audience with the natural beauty of our own world and make regular people consider their environ-

ment more thoughtfully. This effect is also helped by the fact that the environmentalist messaging in Avatar 2 is comparatively much sharper and more interesting than it was in the first film.

If there is anything to take away from my thoughts on Avatar: The Way of Water, it's that you should take the time to see it in a movie theater. This is a film specifically crafted to be seen in that context and it would be a disservice to yourself to wait to see this at home when it eventually ends up on Disney+. Avatar: The Way of Water is exclusively showing in theaters. -4.5/5 stars



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

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A primer on nice-sounding words and names

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

There's a subreddit page I like to visit called r/eybleach. It essentially gives your eyes a break from scrolling through cynical and often disturbing Reddit entries by showing photos of kittens, baby otters, and puppies doing funny puppy things. The page has 9.4 million subscribers.

Our eyes and brains all need a respite from bad news, polarized politics and 2 a.m. doomscrolling. But, what about our ears?

There's a term I love for synonyms that sound more pleasant than similar words: euphonyms. A euphonic word is a word that is pleasing to the ear. C.S. Lewis posited that the most pleasant-sounding term was "cellar door." Others have their preferences, but I like cellar door.

On the other hand, many people have unofficial lists of their least-favorite

words. My friend Jeff has an official list in a Word document. The term for avoiding icky terms is called "word aversion." By employing word aversion, we can avoid words like "moist," "slurp," "bulbous," "pus," "phlegm," "mucus," and the like.

But today we're not focusing on "moist" and its legions of blech; we're going to take a "meh" word and make it marvelous by using euphonyms.

Euphonyms allow neutral or negative-sounding words to seem more pleasant. We take "moist," and it becomes "dewy." "Supple" (one of the words on my "ick" list) becomes "limber." We can replace "orifice" with "aperture." Pleasant-sounding synonyms can really save a sentence.

You may be reading this and wonder, "Could a euphonym have a different definition?" Yes! We can consider an alternate application for this pleasing prose.

As you probably know, "-nym" is a suffix meaning "name" in Greek, the prefix "eu-" means "good," and "phone" means "voice." Put this Greek alphabet soup in

order, and we get "good voice name" or "pleasant-sounding name." In our previous definition of euphonym, we used the suffix "-nym" to mean "word."

Based on this secondary definition, people have submitted their favorite names, whether in fiction or real life. The top Google search result of euphonym gives us the name of the 20th-century American poet Edna St. Vincent Millay. She seems like someone who'd be pleasant to meet for tea out on a veranda somewhere on Montauk.

Personally, I'm fond of the sound of former Major League Baseball pitcher "Goose" Gossage, although I suppose euphony is in the ear of the beholder.



Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist and treasurer of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. He is the author of *Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life*. Find more at curthoneycutt.com.



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Emma J. "Jeanne" Atkins

Emma J. "Jeanne" Atkins, 92, Bargersville, died Dec. 15, 2022. Survivors: son, Timothy M. Atkins; nephew, Bradley Lynch; and great-nephew, Alex Robbins. Preceded in death: husband, Coy M. Atkins; sisters, Dana Lynch, Betty Lou (Fred) Robbins; nephew, Kent Robbins. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

Albert Lee Carnes

Albert Lee Carnes, 75, Greenwood, died Dec. 11, 2022. Arrangements by Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 504 National Ave., Indianapolis.

Terri Lynn Cutshaw

Terri Lynn Cutshaw, 56, Indianapolis, died Dec. 13, 2022. Survivors: children, Danielle (Damien) Davis, Ashley (Adam) Irwin, Dylan (Emily) Cutshaw and Brooke (Zachary) Kline; parents, Charles and Suzann Speer; siblings, Sherri (David) Didion; Richard (Jennifer) Speer; eight grandchildren. Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

Eddie Hayse Daniel

Eddie Hayse Daniel, 93, Indianapolis, died Dec. 6, 2022. Survivors: Teresa Dobson, Edwina Daniel, Betty Jane Chaszar, Louis Robertson, Johnny Hornaday; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Donna; children, Diana Rickett, Linda Nantz, LaDonna Daniel, Gerald Daniel, Don Hornaday; two siblings. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Sr. Phyllis Gronotte, OSB

Sr. Phyllis Gronotte, OSB, 91, died Dec. 16, 2022. She is survived by several nieces and nephews and her religious community. Services were at Our Lady of Grace Monastery, Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Kyle Glen House

Kyle Glen House died Dec. 12, 2022. Celebration of Life, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022, 1-3 p.m. at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home, 504 National Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Mary Eloise Hughes

Mary Eloise Hughes, 89, Indianapolis died Dec. 17, 2022. Survivors: husband, Jackie L. Hughes; stepsons, Kenneth, Wayne and Christopher Hughes;

sister-in-law, Norma Lewis; two nephews, three nieces, several great-nieces and nephews. Visitation: Thursday, Dec. 22, 2-5 p.m., service at 5 p.m., Little & Sons Beech Grove Chapel.

Robert "Bob" Louis Jackson, Jr.,

Robert "Bob" Louis Jackson, Jr., 61, Indianapolis, died Dec. 13, 2022. Survivors parents, Bob Sr. and Donna Jackson; sister, Debbie (Greig) Crowder; brother, Steve (Tammie) Jackson; five nieces, two nephews, four great-nieces and three great-nephews. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Stop 11 Road Chapel.

**James Inman Narmore, Sr.**

James Inman Narmore, Sr. "Jim" left this world on Friday, Dec. 2, 2022, surrounded and wrapped in the love of his family and welcomed into the arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Born Feb. 1, 1932, to Ellis and Mary Narmore in Cherokee, Ala., Jim was a child in the Great Depression. As young boys, he and his older brother Ralph spent their days in the fields of Missouri and Tennessee picking cotton to support their family, with seldomly having the opportunity to attend school. Jim never tired of learning new things and had a passion for teaching others. When asked what he liked to read, he would answer, "instruction manuals." At a young age he went to work at Capitol Glass Co. in Indianapolis as a plate glass cutter's helper. Starting in the glass shop, and pressing on, he had a hunger to learn all he could - about anything! With a 25-cent pocket dictionary as his constant companion, he was determined to teach himself how to read and write and learn all he could about the glass business. Working his way up in the glass shop to a journeyman glazier and officer with Glaziers Local 1165, Jim started Circle City Glass Corp. in 1959. Under his leadership and with the help of his dedicated and talented employees, his company grew to become one of the largest and most trusted glass contractors in Central Indiana. For over 40 years in business and on to retirement, Jim enjoyed walking, reading, collecting antique cars, volunteering for many programs with the Rotary Club of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis Beautification projects. Jim was a volunteer meal delivery person for over 24 years with Meals on Wheels. As many know, his true passion was gardening and he found so much joy spending every spare moment with his boots in the soil, growing and sharing his beautiful bounty with others. Jim was a lifelong learner, a leader in business and in life, an inventor, a fabulous storyteller, a creative teller of corny jokes and a mentor to so many. Jim was a humble man from very humble beginnings. He lived a life of honor and servitude and rarely missed an opportunity to help others. He is preceded in death by his parents and five of his siblings. He is survived

by his daughters, Retha Matthews (Earl), Beverly Board (Mike) and Kathy Vanderveen (John); his son, Jim Narmore, Jr.; his sister, Rosemary Esias; his eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. A celebration to honor Jim's remarkable life was held on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022, from 3 to 7 p.m. at Church 52 Family Worship Center, 8220 E. Brookville Road., Indianapolis, IN 46239. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of the following organizations: Riley Hospital for Children Shriners Hospitals for Children or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Final arrangements for Jim have been entrusted into the caring hands of Indiana Memorial and Cremation. Please visit their website for more information at indianamemorial.com. "It will be so very difficult to forget someone who has given us so much to remember."

Olin Dee Sorrells

Olin Dee Sorrells, 96, Indianapolis, died Dec. 12, 2022. Survivors: wife, Rosann (Wright) Sorrells; sons, Monte (Denise) Sorrells and Duane (Jeanine Thompson) Sorrells; three grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: grandson, Luke Elza Sorrells; and brother, Daniel E. Sorrells. Private family services. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Ronald Lee "Tim" Vansickle

Ronald Lee "Tim" Vansickle, 85, Beech Grove, died Dec. 18, 2022. Survivors: wife, Patty VanSickle; children, Amy (Larry) Essick, Lora Rogers and Beth (Julie Carson) Vansickle; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little and Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

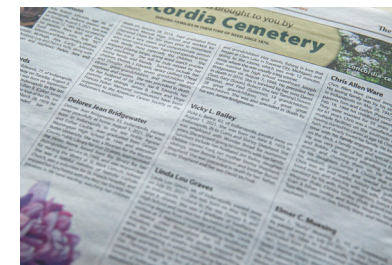
Dawn Renee Vinson

Dawn Renee Vinson, 55, Indianapolis, died Dec. 11, 2022. Survivors: husband, David Vinson; daughters, Brittney Thomas (James Cross) and Ashley Norris (Daniel); parents, Lavone and Ronnie Harper; grandchildren, Grant McCormick Jr. and Noah and Willa Norris; siblings, Caroline "Carol" Fishburn (Tommy), Spencer Harper (Carrie). Service entrusted to Little & Sons.

Mary Ann Wells

Mary Ann Wells, 79, Beech Grove, died Dec. 16, 2022. Survivors: children, Gregory Wells (Kim R.), Cynthia Wells and Patricia Long (Conley); brothers, Frederick Gregory, Robert Gregory and William Gregory; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Graveside service: Thursday, Dec. 22, 11 a.m., New Crown Cemetery. Little & Sons.

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timated the difficulty of walking to and from the grocery store with no sidewalks. I stopped to offer her a ride. She was ever so thankful, but the only problem was she was unable to lift her leg high enough to get into my van. I managed to help her to get one foot high enough, but we struggled to get the rest of her rather large self through the sliding side door. With one final push she went up, in, and over the seat we were shooting for. Luckily, it has bench seats! We managed to eventually get her rotated back to an upright sitting position. We shared a good laugh and then I dropped her off with a hug, wondering had I just entertained an angel unaware?

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